Restructuring of the Office of Chief Controller of Imports and Exports

1135. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to re-structure and re-organise the office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports and its Regional Offices consequent on the implementation of the New Trade Policy;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what will be the functions of the re-organised office and the strength thereof; and

(d) whether there will be any surplus staff and if so, how are they likely to be adjusted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Proposal to re-organise/restructure the office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports is under consideration. It is proposed to make this organisation export promotion oriented. The details, methodology and time frame are being worked out.

Impact of New Trade Policy on Trade with U.S.S.R. and East European Countries

1136. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Trade Policy is likely to boost our exports to U.S.S.R. and other East European countries;

(b) if so, what is the estimated increase in trade; and

(c) what has been the balance of trade with each of these countries so far during 1991-92 and to what extent it is expected to be favourable in the remaining part of 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) It is difficult at this stage to accurately assess the estimated increase in trade as also the position in the remaining part of 1991-92 because of the political and economic changes taking place in USSR and some other countries in East Europe.

(c) The latest trade statistics for 1991-92 for each of the East European country are as under:—

(April-May, 1991) (Rs. in Crores)

Name of the Country	Exports	Imports	Balance of trade
Bulgaria	1·00	6.42	—5·42
Czechoslovakia	36·61	24·80	+11·71
Hungary	27·62	10·34	+17·28
Poland	40·52	19.10	+21·42
USSR	583·80	475·68	+108.12
Yugoslavia	10·43	22·31	—11·88
Romania	19·58	9·21	+10·37

In case of Rupee Payment Areas every attempt is made to balance the trade by the end of the calendar year.

Source: DGCI&S: May Bulletin (Provisional data)

Role of MITCO in MICA Trade

1137. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the role of MITCO in export of mica which was produced in different units in Giridih, and Hazaribagh district of Bihar;

(b) what percentage MITCO has been charging as middle-man between producers of mica and foreign buyers; and

(c) what services are being rendered by MITCO in view of this commission and how far it is justified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Apart from being the canalising agency for export of processed mica including mica scrap till 22nd October, 1990 and of mica scrap from 22nd October, 1990 onwards, MITCO is engaged in production and export of processed mica and value added mica products.

(b) and (c) MITCO procures mica scrap at notified procurement prices which are related to export prices leaving a service margin of around 15 per cent in the case of green mica scrap and 20 per cent in the case of ruby mica scrap for MITCO to meet the cost of various operations, such as procurement of the material, reprocessing as per the specification of the buyers, packing, transportation, export inspection etc.

Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan

1138. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pay scales and DA of regular employees of Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan (A new body fully financed by Central Government) have been abolished and new pay scales have been adopted under some decisions taken some times earlier;

(b) if so, the reasons for which such decisions were taken; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to overcome the problems of said Sangathan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUM. MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) There has been no change in the pay scales of the employees of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. Prior to the formation of Sangathan in 1986-87, the scheme was known as the Nehru Yuvak Kendra Scheme and its offices were subordinate offices of the Deptt. of Youth Affairs & Sports. The employees of the scheme were getting Govt. pay scales & DA. These employees continue to work in the Sangathan and continue to draw their Govt. pay scales. Others appointed directly by the Sangathan get consolidated amount, as per Sangathan rules which have also not been revised.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Those Youth Coordinators directly appointed by the Sangathan have filed a writ petition before the Supreme Court for regularising their employment terms. Only after the case is disposed of by the Supreme Court the Governing Body of the Sangathan will be able to take up the matter regarding revision of pay-scales.